



## ANC 6D supports Stage 1 Wharf PUD

By Erin Fitzgerald

During the July 11 Advisory Neighborhood Committee (ANC) 6D meeting, Commissioners unanimously supported developer Hoffman-Madison Waterfront's (HMW) Stage 1 Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the construction of The Wharf. The approval, however, came with a set of 27 concerns and conditions regarding what community benefits would be included in the development, how construction will affect transportation and the structural and construction standards being used.

The concerns and conditions presented by ANC 6D and the accompanying HMW response are as follows:

**1. Bus traffic** - The ANC requested transportation accessing the commercial boats (Spirit Cruises, Odyssey, etc.) be moved from the front of Pier 4 and away from the residences currently in the waterfront neighborhood and those that will be built there in the future. HMW assured the ANC that they would create a lay-by area for buses at an agreed upon distance from the residences, prohibit bus access to the future M Street Landing via signage, create a bus operation plan as part of a Stage 2 submission and cooperate with ANC 6D and the D.C. Department of



Hoffman-Madison Waterfront submitted their Stage 1 PUD, which included renderings of the future Maine Avenue (left) and M Street Landing (right). Images courtesy of Hoffman-Madison Waterfront.

Transportation (DDOT) regarding bus impact in the Southwest community.

**2. Transportation** - The Commissioners requested a more detailed review of the transportation plan for The Wharf area, specifically because they believe DDOT has not adequately addressed transportation concerns. HMW acknowledged that they provided DDOT everything they were required to with regard to transportation and also hired a third-party transportation expert to complete a study of the area. The

developers did take into account the results of that study in the Stage 1 PUD.

**3. Back-up plan if ruling made in opposition of extending docks** - The ANC requested HMW have a back-up plan in case a resolution currently before Congress that would allow for the reconfiguration of the Washington Channel and longer docks does not pass. HMW said they do not have a back-up plan at this time because the legislation is expected to pass prior to the hearing of the Stage 2 PUD application. Thus, if

the legislation does not pass a revised plan may be developed before that hearing.

**4. A minimum of 94 slips will be provided for Gangplank Marina** - The ANC asked, and HMW confirmed, that they have worked out a transition plan with the liveaboard community during the development.

**5. Walkway along Washington Channel** - The Commissioners requested HMW further

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## Nationals donate baseball equipment to Southwest schools



On June 30, the Washington Nationals donated two vanloads of baseball equipment for the local schools in Southwest. In the photo, London Hitchman, Community Relations Assistant with the Nationals (left) shakes ANC 6D Chairman Ron McBee's hand (right) flanked by Coach Ronald Hines (far left) and Rick Bardach (far right). Kneeling in front are Michael Briscoe (left) and Justin McFadden (right). Photo by Perry Klein.

## First tour of the floating Southwest liveaboard residences to be held Aug. 13

By Erin Fitzgerald

In celebration of the sixth Annual "Liveaboard Boater Day" Southwest's colorful Liveaboard community will open its doors to visitors on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The self-guided tour at Gangplank Marina takes visitors inside 15 of the most fun and unique homes (and offices) in Washington, D.C. Owners and docents will be available to answer questions about the boat-homes and the liveaboard and workaboard lifestyles. The homes of Gangplank Marina, located at 600 Water St., SW, have never before been open to the public.

A resident, Laneyse Hooks, says that she gets one of two responses when she tells people she lives on a boat: "Wow, how cool!" or "On a boat? Are you nuts?"

"Both responses are absolutely, simultaneously, completely valid and pretty accurate," said Hooks, who lives on a barge that will be on tour during the event. "[It] is a fun lifestyle, but there are some sacrifices, like space. The Houseboat Tour will let people see close up that although we live in quite cozy spaces, we have lots of amenities."

The tour is located on D.C.'s active South-

west waterfront along the Washington Channel. Historically, the waterfront was the portal for newcomers and visitors to the nation's capital as well as a busy center for maritime trade and fishing. Gangplank Marina is a 309-slip marina that has been home to a diverse liveaboard community including professionals, families, artists, retirees, scientists, congressmembers, members of the military and many more for more than 30 years.

Homeowner and tour participant Debbie Christianson said the people living in the community are what's best.

"All you need do is ask, and you'll find someone there to help," Christianson said. "Need something fixed? Volunteers are there. Your boat is being fixed and need a place to stay? People open their boats and floating homes to you. Need your fix of social activities? We're always doing something — barbeque or happy hour every Thursday, Captain's Coffee every Sunday, bingo, movie night, cruising and dinghy rides."

Many restaurants, businesses, historical buildings and other attractions are located on the Southwest Waterfront which is currently poised to undergo a multi-million dollar rede-

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Local Government and Organizations

ANC 6D: Highlights from the monthly meeting

By Tiffany Klaff

The Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D monthly meeting on Monday, July 11 attracted a few hundred residents with news of the Stage 1 Planned Unit Development (PUD) for the Southwest Waterfront.

Highlights from the meeting include an announcement by Kael Anderson, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) of the creation of a SWNA Retail Taskforce to address retail issues in the Southwest community.

Commissioner Litsky and Kael Anderson then presented a request for Tiber Island to receive historical landmark designation as part of the nation’s largest assembly of mid-century modern buildings. Both the Tiber Island Cooperative Homes and Tiber Island Condominiums would be part of the designation. Some questions were raised as to why only Tiber Island was being considered for designation; Commissioner Listky noted that the plan is to expand the designation over time, block by block. The presidents of Tiber Island Condominiums and Tiber Island Cooperative Homes both spoke in support of the historical designation.

The development at 880 New Jersey Ave., SE was next on the agenda. This project began in 1999 when William C. Smith + Co (WCS) bought the site from The Washington Post. The planned design includes 1200 residential units in four buildings with street-level retail. Konrad Schlater, Vice-President at WCS, attended the meeting and reported that they are planning to start the infrastructure for the first phase of 430 Class A housing units in fall 2011. There will also be 1500 square feet of retail on the I (Eye) Street side for neighborhood conveniences. The new extensions of H and I streets from Second Street to New Jersey Avenue have already been approved by city council. The housing units will be all rentals, however 30 public housing units will be moved from the Arthur Capper develop-

ment. The extensions of H and I streets will be constructed at the expense of WCS.

The much awaited final item, the Southwest Waterfront Stage 1 PUD, began with a presentation by lead developer Monty Hoffman of Hoffman Madison Waterfront (HMW) and sparked nearly two hours of discussion. ANC 6D voted unanimously to support the application with 27 conditions presented by Commissioner Litsky to

be addressed by HMW. The conditions ranged from transportation concerns to height restrictions and community benefits, including open space and a community center.

During the community concerns portion of the meeting, a resident expressed his concern with the Southwest waterfront redevelopment and Christopher Fitzgerald from the D.C. Mayor’s office noted that the north side of

Maine Avenue’s homeless encampment would be cleared July 20.

Please note that there is no August ANC meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 12, 7 p.m. at the District Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) office, 1100 Fourth St, SW. For an agenda, visit the ANC 6D website at <http://www.anc6d.org>.

Community Calendar

AUGUST

**MON. 1 8:30 p.m.:** Screen on the Green, “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” National Mall between Eighth and 14th streets

**WED. 3 6:30 p.m.:** Creative writing for teens. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., SW

**THURS. 4 11 a.m.:** Coyaba Dance Theater. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

**5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues, Memphis Gold Blues Band, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**FRI. 5 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Food Truck Roundup, Patty Reese, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**6 p.m.:** Concert at Yards Park featuring Dance group “Monster Band” 3rd and Water streets, SE.

**6:30 p.m.:** Potluck and Game Night (7 p.m.), St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St., SW

**SAT. 6 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.:** Southwest Community Day, King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, 201 N St., SW

**9 a.m.:** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**10 a.m.:** Flow Yoga with Istar Guven, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**SUN. 7 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.:** Marcatus Art Market with free live musical performances by Hollywood, Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, Electricutions, Odie (Baseball Furies), plus guests. Yards Park, 3rd and 4th Streets, SE and at Water Street, SE.

**MON. 8 8:30 p.m.:** Screen on the Green, “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes,” National Mall between Eighth and 14th streets

**WED. 10 1 p.m.:** Maryann Pollock-Make Your Own Superhero (comic character drawing workshop), ages 6 through 12. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

**6:30 p.m.:** Poetry/Open Microphone. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW.

**6:30 p.m.:** Storytalk, a literature discussion group for teens. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

**THURS. 11 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues, Sharon Clark Quintet, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**FRI. 12 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Food Truck Roundup, Ruthie & the Wranglers, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**6 p.m.:** Concert at Yards Park featuring Soul group “Quiet Fire” 3rd and Water streets, SE.

**SAT. 13 9 a.m.:** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**10 a.m.:** Flow Yoga with Istar Guven, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**10 a.m.:** Gangplank Marina House Boat Tour, \$11 in advance, \$18 day of tour

**MON. 15 8:30 p.m.:** Screen on the Green, “Cool Hand Luke,” National Mall between Eighth and 14th streets.

**WED. 17 6:30 p.m.:** Creative writing for teens. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW.

**THURS. 18 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues, Danny Blew and the Blues Crew, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**FRI. 19 6 p.m.:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Food Truck Roundup, Nadine Rae, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**6 p.m.:** Concert at Yards Park featuring Soul, Funk, and Blues musician “Chris Collat” 3rd and Water streets, SE.

**SAT. 20 9 a.m.:** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**10 a.m.:** Flow Yoga with Istar Guven, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**TUES. 22** First day of school

**WED. 24 6:30 p.m.:** Storytalk, a literature discussion group for teens. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW.

**THURS. 25 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.:** Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues, Allyn Johnson Quartet, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**FRI. 26 6:30 p.m.:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.: Food Truck Roundup, David Bach, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**6 p.m.:** Concert at Yards Park Encore Series featuring “Grand Theft Radio” 3rd and Water streets, SE.

**SAT. 27 9 a.m.:** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**10 a.m.:** Flow Yoga with Istar Guven, 700 Water St., SW at 7th Street Landing

**1 p.m.:** Kitchen Table Book Discussion - *Water for Elephants* by Sarah Gruen. Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW

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**LUNCHTIME MOVIES FOR TEENS,** Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Tuesday and Thursday, noon to 2 p.m.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME,** Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF SOUTHWEST WATERFRONT,** Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St. SW, every first and third Monday from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY EVENING FILMS,** Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Monday, 6:30 p.m. Experience a different cinematic treat every week. Call 202-724-4752 for movie titles. All ages.

**COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS,** Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl. SW, every Thursday, 10 a.m. Aug. 4 - Microsoft Word, Aug. 11 - Microsoft Excel, Aug. 18 - Microsoft Powerpoint, Aug. 25 - Introduction to personal computers.

**THE SOUTH WASHINGTON WEST OF THE RIVER FATHERHOOD PROGRAM,** St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St. SW, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, call Alphonso Coles at (202) 870-1885.

**SOUTHWEST SEWING GROUP,** Mondays, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St. SW. Contact Willie Mae Stukes, sewing teacher, at (301) 445-1792. Open to all interested in working on their own sewing projects and updating their hand and/or machine sewing skills. Mondays, except for July and August.

**SOUTHWEST RENEWAL AA,** Alcoholics Anonymous group, Mondays, 8:30 p.m., St. Augustine’s Church, 600 M St. SW, (202) 554-3222.

**SW FREEWAY NA, NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS GROUP,** Wednesdays, 7 p.m.-8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St. SW, (202) 484-7700.

**HAND DANCING CLASSES,** Jitter bug, lindy hop. Saturdays, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Classes by Markus Smith of Swing Anatomy Dance. \$10/class for adults, \$5/class for children ages 8 – 17. Christ United Methodist community room off Wesley Pl., SW

**HAIKU TO HIP HOP,** creative writing workshop Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. For ages 12 through 19, Southwest Library, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesday 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. For all levels, even beginners.

**CHESS CLUB,** Southwest Library main room, 900 Wesley Pl., Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. For all levels.

**BLUES MONDAYS,** 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Various blues musicians and singers featured each Monday, \$5. Food for sale, SW Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

**WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS,** 4 p.m. Seated yoga and healing sessions (Pamela Wilson and Riva Wine), 5:30 p.m. Laughter yoga (Claire Trivedi), 7 p.m. Sampoorna yoga (Alex Rosen). Free with donations welcome, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 I St., SW, 202-484-7700.

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## Local Government and Organizations

# Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Responds to Wharf PUD

On July 18, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (the Assembly) submitted a testimony to the DC Zoning Commission on behalf of community residents. Printed here are excerpts from the testimony. The full testimony can be found at [www.swdc.org/docs/SWNA\\_Waterfront\\_PUD\\_Zoning\\_Testimony\\_7-18-11.pdf](http://www.swdc.org/docs/SWNA_Waterfront_PUD_Zoning_Testimony_7-18-11.pdf).

The following conclusions were adopted by the 18-member Assembly board based on comments received directly in personal conversations or via email and the six community meetings we've organized since the release of the Hoffman-Madison Waterfront (HMW) plan. The most recent meeting was attended by over 350 residents.

We support the general framework of the

plan. The HMW team has developed a captivating plan for reactivating the Southwest Waterfront (SWW). We believe the plan establishes a bold vision for redeveloping our waterfront, long suffering from incomplete development and inadequate maintenance. HMW has demonstrated commitment to Southwest by establishing interim uses and regularly meeting with community leaders and organizations.

However the plans require further refinement and modification. In the following we highlight a number of zoning & development, circulation, open space, sustainability and public benefits shortcomings. In many respects, our concerns regard not what is written or depicted in the plans, but what isn't. Given the unprecedented size and complexity of the development this can

be expected.

No public meetings have been held to inform the public about the current plan. It's our understanding that the only community members who were given the final plan (June 28, 2011) were the individual Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANC). The ANC graciously spent \$700 to make three copies available to the leaders of several community organizations, including the Assembly.

The following is the list of categories in which the Assembly had concerns.

- Zoning and development
- Circulation
- Open space
- Sustainability
- Community benefits

## Conclusion

Southwesters are looking forward to a revitalized SWW and appreciate the work of the Deputy Mayor's Office for Economic Development and HMW team to develop a plan. Indeed, several of the properties immediately bordering the Waterfront have come to an agreement with HMW, and now express unqualified support for the current plan. However, the Assembly, which represents all Southwesters, finds further refinement of the plan is necessary to ensure a world-class development that is integrated, accessible, sustainable and a benefit.

*This testimony was submitted by Kael Anderson, President of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly.*

## Blotter

By John McGrath

### Highlights of Monthly PSA 104 Meeting, Thursday, July 21

Participants: Sgt. Michael Architzel (substituting for Nicholas Gallucci), MPO Thompson, and Officers Huges and Thomas of PSA 104; Naomi Monk and Irv Gamza, PSA 104 Meeting coordinators/facilitators; Bob Craycraft, ANC Commissioner (6D01); Perry Klein, The Southwester; and other concerned citizens.

Sgt. Michael Architzel, substituting for Nicholas Gallucci, reviewed the crime statistics for PSA 104 for Jan. 1 through June 30, 2011, compared to the same period for 2010. Robbery is down 8.6 percent; assault with a deadly weapon is up 55.6 percent; Part II assault (a misdemeanor) is down 58.8 percent; burglary is up 42.1 percent; theft is up 38.3 percent; stolen auto is up 20 percent and theft from an auto is down 44.9 percent.

Police noted that almost 30 percent of recent thefts involve bicycles. Police recommend heavy duty U-style bike locks and if possible storing bicycles in a secure room. Recently, bicycles have been stolen from porches and balconies above ground level.

Other discussion included a recent assault and robbery of a Riverside Condominium resident near the Titanic Memorial that was closed quickly when juveniles were

apprehended. Three robberies of patrons of Nationals Park walking into the PSA 104 area in late June 2011 remain unsolved.

Police are also investigating reports of drug paraphernalia found on the Amidon-Bowen School playground. They also reminded that youth curfew is midnight in the summer months and 11 p.m. during the school year.

Police also announced that increased ticketing of buses on Maine Avenue/Water Street is taking place; it is illegal to possess or use mace/pepper spray in self-defense; and when calling 911 to report suspicious activity, be as specific as possible including nature of the problem, ages, heights and clothing including shoes.

A National Night Out event (First Police District) is scheduled for Tues., Aug. 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Peter Bug Way, 13 and E Streets, SE. For information contact: [carolyn.smith@dc.gov](mailto:carolyn.smith@dc.gov).

Southwest Comm-Unity Day is scheduled for Sat., Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at King-Greenleaf Recreation Center. DC Police and Metro Transit Police plan greater coverage of the event, including the Waterfront and Navy Yard Metro stations. For more information, contact: Sgt. Architzel at [michael.architzel@dc.gov](mailto:michael.architzel@dc.gov).

There will be no PSA 104 meeting in August 2011. The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 15, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; location to be announced later. The new First District Commander, David Hickson will attend the September meeting.

## Ward 6 Redistricting Task Force created

By Tiffany Klaff

Earlier this year the District went through a ward redistricting process, necessitated by the Census taken April 2010. Now, the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) and Single Member Districts (SMDs) will be redistricted as well.

Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells has appointed a task force to develop and submit a report to the DC Council by the Sept. 30 deadline. The report will contain recommendations for the adjustment of the boundaries of Ward 6 ANCs and SMDs, as well as any other recommendations with respect to the operation

of ANCs the task force feels are appropriate. The task force will conduct ten public meetings from July 11 through Aug. 22, including five ANC meetings (one in each of the four current Ward 6 ANCs and one in ANC 2C, much of which will now be in Ward 6).

ANC 6D's meeting was held on Thursday, July 28. The first draft of the new boundaries is scheduled to be distributed to the ANCs on Aug. 18, with a final draft to be scheduled to go to Wells on Sept. 26.

To remain updated on the process visit the Ward 6 ANC Redistricting Task Force's official blog at [w6tf.blogspot.com](http://w6tf.blogspot.com).

## 5th Annual Southwest Comm-Unity Day

August 6, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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# Tiber Island seeks landmark designation

By Tiffany Klaff

The residential complex Tiber Island has filed a request for landmark designation with the D.C. Inventory of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places. After evaluation by D.C. historic preservation staff and a Historic Preservation Review Board hearing, the board votes on the designation. The Board also decides whether to recommend the property for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register is the official federal list of districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture.

National Register properties have significance to the history of their community, state or the nation. Administered by the National Park Service the goals are to help property owners and interest groups, such as the National Trust for Historic Preservation, coordinate, identify and protect historic sites in the United States. While National Register listings are mostly symbolic, their recognition of significance provides some financial incentive to owners of listed properties. Protection of the property is not guaranteed.

The complex, constructed between 1963 and 1965, includes 368 apartments divided among four nine-story towers, 85 single-family townhouses and the 18th-century Thomas Law House. The buildings are linked by a network of

landscaped courts, quadrangles and walkways, an arrangement specifically designed to separate the pedestrian experience from vehicular traffic. The property is bounded by M, N, Sixth, and Fourth Streets. It was the first condominium project built in D.C. and the "proof of concept" for a type of ownership that's become common today.

The fall of 2011 will mark the 47 anniversary of Tiber Island's opening. To be considered for landmark designation, the National Park Service requires that properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years be of "exceptional importance...to a community, a state, a region, or the nation." The construction of Tiber Island was a critical component of the redevelopment of Southwest as the first project following modern urban planning principles in the area, including effective use of green space and mixed housing types. It was the first redevelopment project to be created entirely by a local design and development team, marking the beginning of Washington being recognized as a city with first-rate architectural talent. And the design has not only greatly influenced the future architecture of the city of Washington but also has been acknowledged by the national architectural community and popular press. Among other awards, Tiber Island won the American Institute of Architects' highest national award in 1966.

In addition, the property was key to the development of anti-discrimination regulations and legislation at the local and national levels before passage of the 1965 Fair Housing bill. The planned involvement of a firm developing Tiber Island was challenged by anti-discrimina-

tion organizations because the firm had a history of racial discrimination. As cited in the landmark application, Richard Longstreth, a historian, noted that "This episode led to a Civil Rights Commission hearing, which, in turn, influenced President Kennedy's executive order banning such discrimination in federally-assisted housing, signed in November 1962." The dispute was extensively reported in the newspapers and was an important chapter in the struggle for open housing across the country.

As one of the early buildings in the newly redeveloped Southwest, Tiber Island inhabited a transitioning neighborhood with only a few restaurants and stores selling staple items. To counteract residents' feeling isolated, Tiber Island planned activities and cultural events, including evening concerts in the central plaza as well as fashion shows and dance exhibitions. In addition, the complex uses one of the few Southwest buildings that remained from before the redevelopment, the Thomas Law House, as a gathering place. Built in 1794, the house was originally the home of a speculator associated with the Greenleaf Syndicate, which controlled many building lots in the area and developed the nearby wharves on the Potomac River. Later, the house became a hotel and then a medical clinic before the Redevelopment Land Agency took possession of it by eminent domain in the 1960s.

As the landmark designation application notes, "Tiber Island" was originally a nickname for the Southwest quadrant, which lay between the now-encased Tiber Creek and the marshy banks of the Potomac.



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## Aug. 15 deadline to apply for energy-efficient appliance rebates in the district

By Perry Klein

Thinking of buying a new major appliance for your home or apartment? If so you may qualify for a cash rebate from D.C. as part of a program to promote the conversion to new, more energy-efficient appliances.

The D.C. Department of the Environment has set Mon., Aug. 15 as the final date for submission of appliance rebate applications. Rebates are significant: \$250 for washers, \$100 or \$150 for dishwashers (depending on energy efficiency), \$200 for refrigerators, \$600 for residential gas boilers, \$400 for gas furnaces, \$600 for heat pump water heaters and \$400 for high-efficiency gas water heaters. Rebate applications must be postmarked within 60 days of purchase and you must certify that you properly disposed of your old appliance for recycling. Rebates of 50 percent up to \$1,000 for weatherization (door or window replacement, insulation, weatherstripping, programmable thermostat) are also available.

For more details and to download an application visit [www.dc.state-rebate.com](http://www.dc.state-rebate.com).



To view lists of Energy Star appliance models visit Energy Star's website at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).

Rebates will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until the allocated program funds are depleted.

As of July 30 [www.dc.state-rebate.com](http://www.dc.state-rebate.com) notes that the rebate program has approved 810 applications, and estimates 1,030 are applications are pending. According to the website there are still \$240,950 available for rebates.



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develop their mix of pedestrian, vehicle, bicycle and street-car accessibility to the area along the Washington Channel. They also asked HMW to assure that a pedestrian pathway that stretches from the Titanic Memorial to the Fish Market will be developed. HMW did agree to a continuous pathway for pedestrians in the area cited, but noted that the pathway will vary in width (20 feet in most areas and no narrower than 10 feet in other areas).

**6. Details of Pier 4 residences** - If HMW does develop residences on the future Pier 4, the ANC requests the structures be set back 10 feet from the waterside edge of the pier. In general, however, the Commissioners did not support the construction of townhouses on that pier. They also requested that any potential residences in that location do not exceed a height of 45 feet more than the current finished pier surfaces and that any lighting used would not illuminate any current residences in the area. HMW agreed to the concerns with one clarification: There will be an 8-foot walkway on either side of the the pier.

**7. Height restriction for commercial pier** - The ANC requested, and HMW agreed, to cap the height of the remaining buildings covering the extended commercial pier not to exceed the height of the similar existing structure on the current Pier 4.

**8. Immediate construction of Waterfront Park** - The ANC requested, and HMW agreed, to the development of a Waterfront Park in the first phase of construction so that the park could be used by the residential community.

**9. Pedestrian access to Wharf amenities** - Based on the design of the PUD, the ANC was concerned about whether pedestrians would find it awkward to reach The Wharf. HMW said that the current design optimizes access to the public spaces. The major access points will be Banneker Overlook, Ninth Street, Seventh Street and M Street.

**10 The redevelopment of the St. Augustine's site** - The location where St. Augustine's Church currently stands, called Parcel 11 by HMW, is an area with which the ANC is especially concerned. They asked the developers to maintain the height and setbacks from the road that other residences in the area already have. HMW responded that they have improved their plans to show that the parcel will be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

**11. The height of buildings in Parcels 9 and 10** - The Commissioners believe the height of intended structures between the current St. Augustine's Church and the waterfront as well as the space between Maine Avenue and Cantina Marina should be decreased. They also would like the structure on Parcel 11 to be set back further. The reason for this would be to maintain lines of view. HMW informed the ANC that the planned setbacks and heights will allow for lines of view. They also exhibited Arena Stage's support of the plan, as that entity is the closest neighbor to the parcels in question.

**12. Construction staging** - The ANC asked, and HMW agreed, that Parcels 10, 11, the Waterfront Park, and no area south of M Street from Sixth Street to the Titanic Memorial will be used to stage construction, unless that specific area is under construction.

**13. Overhead streetcar wires** - The ANC asked, and HMW agreed, that overhead wires for a future streetcar line will not be allowed along the Washington Channel.

**14. Parking along The Wharf** - The Com-

missioners requested that parking be banned along the future Waterfront Park and the private road leading to Pier 4. HMW agreed and stated that a parking lot for visitors will be located landside in a location similar to the current Spirit Cruises lot.

**15. Reserved car-sharing and recharging locations** - The ANC requested, and HMW agreed, to reserve space for car sharing and electric car recharging stations.

**16. Maintenance of existing tree canopy** - The ANC requested that trees, specifically the pine trees along Maine Avenue and the trees along the pedestrian walkway along the Washington Channel, be maintained. HMW agreed to make an effort to save the trees, and will maintain the trees between Tiber Island/Harbor Square and the Washington Channel. They also agreed to hire an arborist as a consultant.

**17. Internet-gaming restriction** - The ANC requested, and HMW agreed, to restrict Internet gaming on The Wharf with the exception of private residences.

**18. Liquor licenses** - The Commissioners requested, and HMW agreed, to abide by current practices with regard to liquor licenses.

**19. Office space for community organizations** - HMW agreed to the ANC's request to allocate free furnished office space to ANC 6D and the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly for a period of 20 years beginning January 2019.

**20. Parks and programmable recreation spaces** - The ANC requested the developer maximize parks and programmable spaces in the new development. HMW agreed to provide more details on these types of spaces in Stage 2 of the PUD.

**21. Storm water runoff** - The ANC requested more information about whether the developer will have to abide by federal and District environmental regulations regarding storm water runoff, especially since the project is to be certified LEED Gold. The developer said that because of the size and location of The Wharf, the storm water runoff standards will be difficult to uphold and thus they have requested a waiver from some of the requirements.

**22. Opposition to flexibility of future Parcels 6, 7 and 8** - The ANC opposes HMW's flexibility in the future use of these parcels and is concerned that the use will not adequately meet the needs of the community. HMW explained that the amount of office use in these parcels has already decreased to meet community concerns and the majority of space in these areas will be for residences. Some space will also be used for "high quality" retail that will serve beyond the workday hours.

**23. Setback of Parcel 7** - The ANC seeks a 37-foot setback for the structure to be built in this area, similar to the setback of the Waterside Tower townhouses. HMW responded that this was not possible due to setbacks already provided at the Gangplank Marina.

**24. Location of Titanic Memorial and Maine Lobsterman** - The Commissioners requested that these two statues remain where they are currently located in future development, with the understanding that the areas on which the statues are located belong to the National Park Service. HMW agreed to work toward keeping these statues at their current locations, but noted that the Maine Lobsterman may be moved to a location suitable to the National Park Service.

**25. Commitment to Ward 6** - The ANC asked the developers to keep to its commitment to the residents of Ward 6, especially low — and moderate-income residents who were

not previously named in a Land Disposition Agreement (LDA), for community benefits, including workforce programs. HMW cited the LDA, which states that at least 51 percent of jobs created by the project must be filled with D.C. residents, and 20 percent of those total jobs must be filled by residents of Ward 6. It also states that the developer should "use good faith diligent efforts to hire residents of Southwest Washington." HMW also stated that they have funded \$250,000 for a Workforce Intermediary Program and will fund a total of \$1 million by the end of the project. The developer also noted they were developing a workforce program that would benefit the residents of Ward 6 along with other D.C. residents. Last, HMW announced that they were working with the D.C. Housing Authority to focus job training on public-housing residents in Ward 6.

**26. Ongoing monitoring of community benefits** - The ANC asked HMW to agree to ongoing collaboration with at least three Southwest groups with regard to community benefits. HMW agreed to work through the development process with community organizations acknowledged by the ANC.

**27. Development of community center** - The Commissioners asked HMW to agree to partner in the development of a long-needed Southwest community center. HMW agreed to continue their relationship with the ANC and work toward the creation of a center that offers services to support residents.

Phase 1 construction is set to begin at the end of 2012. The Stage 2 PUD should be released at the end of 2011 or early in 2012.

## Station 4: A kiss worth waiting for



*The new Station 4 restaurant includes a bar, indoor dining area and outdoor dining area (above). Photo by Erin Fitzgerald.*

By Zen McManus

Med Lahlou has officially opened Station 4, located at 1101 Fourth St., SW, across from the Waterfront Metro station. An ideal location, the new restaurant is close to both the Arena Stage and The Wharf, and has a back patio area that is open and inviting with comfortable seating for about 50. When I visited, the servers were very friendly without being overbearing and helped us choose our appetizers and wine.

One brave appetizer included calamari served in squid ink with coriander seeds. Visually, it's daunting but the depth of flavor is unique to the dish and definitely worth the adventure.

The cool, pickled beet appetizer was a refreshing take on the traditional roasted beet salad that is served during the fall. All the flavors in this dish were bright and fresh, there were great textural contrasts, and it was presented beautifully.

The golden pork belly melted tenderly

in your mouth, while the skin added a salty taste that playfully balanced with the sweet concentration of the guava-rum emulsion. It was served with a side of bok choy to play up the Asian theme in the dish.

It was a beautiful night on the patio with an array of glass fire lamps that you have to see lit to fully appreciate, and the neighborhood has warmed to the idea of a new restaurant joining the scene. "A great start to Southwest," a man next to us commented.

The bar is long and provides a full array of liquor, wine and beer. Although there is always room for improvements, the team here is dedicated to getting it right and making a name for themselves in our diverse and growing area.

Cheers, Station 4!

*Reservations are encouraged. The owners of Station 4 also own Tunnicliff's Tavern at Eastern Market, Stoney's Lounge on P Street, Ulah Bistro on U Street, and Bullfeathers on Capitol Hill.*



# Holmes Norton introduces new Southwest waterfront legislation

By Brandon Fuller

On June 22, D.C. Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton introduced H.R. 2297, a bill to “promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia.” This legislation would transfer the federal government’s title and interest of any areas included in the Southwest Waterfront Project Site, known as The Wharf, to the District of Columbia. Norton says this transfer is essential to the multimillion dollar development of the Southwest waterfront.

This is the second congressional step neces-

sary to ensure D.C. has all proper ownership and authority to proceed with The Wharf’s development. Last summer, Norton filed legislation that deauthorized and transferred part of the Washington Channel from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the district. That legislation passed the House of Representatives, but got mired in the Senate’s unfinished business. Norton re-filed the bill, H.R. 723, in the current Congress. If it passes, it will allow for larger docks along the Southwest waterfront between Interstate 395 and Fireboat Pier 5.

Congresswoman Norton describes these bills

as “not particularly controversial,” but merely technical legislation that clarifies statutory language. Although the current pace of Congress frustrates her, she is confident her bills will eventually pass without difficulty. In the meantime, she says the development has successfully made progress in identifying tenants.

At the July 11 Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D meeting, Monty Hoffman of Hoffman-Madison Waterfront, the developer of The Wharf, was asked whether he believed it would be difficult to pass H.R. 2297. “This legislation will get done, we have great confidence

in the leadership of Eleanor Holmes Norton,” he said.

When pressed for specifics on a Plan B if the bill does not pass, Hoffman said, “There is no Plan B, this will get done.”

Ward 6 Councilmember Tommy Wells believes Norton’s latest bill is a necessary step for developing The Wharf and the rest of the Southwest waterfront, pointing out that past lease arrangements with the federal government have not been optimal for business investment.

Currently, both H.R. 2297 and H.R. 723 are awaiting review in their respective committees.

## Development news

By William Rich

■ **A PUD application has been submitted for the St. Matthew’s Church site at M Street and Delaware Avenue, SW.** Along with a new sanctuary and community center for St. Matthew’s will be approximately 220 apartments with 10 percent set aside under inclusionary zoning as affordable housing. Construction is scheduled to get underway on the project in 2012 with completion set for 2014.

■ **The Wharf Center is a proposed venue along the Southwest Waterfront that will host between 150 and 200 events a year.** Among some of the events planned at the 2,500-seat facility are the Washington Kastles tennis matches. The Washington Kastles moved to Southwest this year from downtown and erected a temporary stadium along the waterfront.

■ **A joint venture has been structured between Patriot Transportation Holdings and MidAtlantic Realty Partners, LLC, to develop the first phase of RiverFront on the Anacostia** which is located at the Florida Rock site across the street from Nationals Park. The companies are making a request to modify the existing PUD to make the first phase of development apartments instead of office with construction beginning in spring 2013 and leasing to begin in the fall of 2014.

■ **Café Phillips opened its doors in mid-June on the ground floor of the Capitol View office building at the corner of Third and E Street, SW.** The restaurant is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Breakfast is served until 10:30 a.m. and lunch until 4 p.m. Some of the breakfast items served include bagels, muffins, scones, sandwiches, omelets and burritos. Lunch items include sandwiches, salads, soups and chili.

■ **The Market Deli at the northeast corner of First and L Street, SE has been demolished.** Demolition of the Market Deli, along with the other buildings on the block, will make way for an office building planned by Akridge.

■ **Z-Burger is now scheduled to open at Waterfront Station this fall after delays due to its build-out.** In addition, TD Bank will open next to Station 4, which held its soft opening on June 26. Two vacant storefronts remain at the 1101 Fourth St., SW building with one vacancy at 1100 Fourth St., SW.

■ **William C. Smith has plans for a 430-unit apartment building at 880 New Jersey Ave., SE.** Although Whole Foods will not come to the development as reported a few months ago, there will be a small retail component on the ground floor of the building. The DPW facility currently on site will be demolished and I Street, SE will be reconstructed through the site. Construction is scheduled to get underway in 2012 with completion in 2014.

*News from Southwest was adapted from the Southwest...The Little Quadrant That Could blog ([www.southwestquadrant.blogspot.com](http://www.southwestquadrant.blogspot.com)) and Near SE news was adapted from the JD Land blog ([www.jdland.com/dc](http://www.jdland.com/dc)).*

## TOUR

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velopment.

“The Home Tour is an opportunity for me to open my home to people in the community so they can see what a wonderful place it is to live!” Christianson said. “I want them to see that the marina isn’t made up of boaters. It’s made up of a very unique group of individuals who call the marina ‘home.’”

Tickets are \$11 per person and advance purchase is recommended because the tour is expected to sell out. Tickets can be purchased online ahead of time via [www.dchouseboat.org](http://www.dchouseboat.org). Tickets on the day of the tour will be \$18.

Proceeds from the tour ticket sales will benefit the Alice Ferguson Foundation and Southwest’s own Earth Conservation Corps.

Visitors who would like to get out on the water can take advantage of a special offer from tour partner D.C. Harbor Cruises, also located at Gangplank Marina. Tickets for a 60-minute Potomac cruise are available together with a Boat-Home Tour ticket for only \$25 combined, also available from the tour website [www.dchouseboat.org](http://www.dchouseboat.org). Cruise tickets alone are usually priced at \$30. Available cruise departure times are 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.. Combination tour and cruise tickets will be \$32 on the day of the tour.

Several of Gangplank Marina’s other neighbors will also be participating. Cantina Marina, a waterfront bar and grill, will offer a 10 percent discount to tour-goers, and local organizations such as DC Sail and the Southwest DC Arts Festival will also be present.

The Southwest DC Boat-Home Tour is sponsored by the Gangplank Slipholders Association, a nonprofit volunteer organization representing the boaters of Gangplank Marina and the Port of Washington Yacht Club, a nonprofit social club promoting boating and Potomac stewardship.

Christianson, who moved to the live-aboard community two and a half years ago, said she often over-



Gangplank Marina liveaboards and guests celebrate an event on their floating homes. Photo by Chris Zarconi.

hears visitors to the waterfront asking each other if people live on those boats.

“I always take the time to stop and tell them yes we do and tell them what a wonderful place it is to live,” said Christianson, whose home will be open for the tour. “I wake up to the sun coming up over the boats in the marina. The sunsets are beautiful because they include boats, birds, water and even the Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial. I get rocked to sleep at night.”



Fifteen of the boat homes, some of which are pictured above, will be open for touring on Aug. 13. Photo by Jason Kopp.





## Shattering your strength plateau with negative training

By Derrick Inglut

“**N**egative” training involves the eccentric, or elongating, motion of the muscle tissue, usually with maximal resistance. It is one of the more advanced methods I use with my clients looking to break through a strength plateau, and when done properly it works extremely well.

There are many ways to overcome the physical limitations of strength, but it seems that negative training is one of the least explored options, usually because it is very difficult to perform without a partner.

Here's how it works. When you lift up a weight, your muscles contract (concentric motion). The muscles become trained to perform in this direction only and eventually become used to it. Ultimately, you end up presenting nothing new to the muscle and that is when progress slows. With negative training, also known as overload training, your workout partner lifts or helps you lift the weight in the positive direction. It is then up to you to control the weight back to where your starting point was.

Instructions can be found on the Internet showing how to perform negative training with-

out a partner. I do not recommend this, especially if you are doing something like a bench press, because of the risk of the bar falling on you potentially leading to suffocation. Therefore, it is important that you always perform negative training with an experienced spotter. Failure to do so is dangerous.

If you can lift the weight in the positive direction without help, it is too light. You should also make sure your muscles are thoroughly warmed up with at least 30 minutes of cardio, and adequate stretches. So not stretch cold muscles, do your cardio first and then stretch.

Next start by doing some light to medium resistance repetitions in the positive direction. I usually like to work within the repetition range 30, 20 and 10. Do not attempt negatives if you are a beginner or have not lifted in awhile. You will surely cause injury.

Last, but certainly not least, and this is extremely important, if you would like to incorporate this strategy into your workout regimen, seek the advice of a certified trainer. Certified trainers are highly knowledgeable about your body's anatomy and of what you're capable. Let the trainer know what you intend to perform and ask if this type of training is right for you.

## Capital Bikeshare to increase presence in Southwest and Capitol Riverfront



*In addition to adding new docking stations, Capital Bikeshare will increase the number of bikes at existing Southwest stations, including this one at Fourth and M streets, SW. Photo by Erin Fitzgerald*

By Erin Fitzgerald

D.C.'s Department of Transportation (DDOT) announced the addition of 32 new stations to the Capital Bikeshare system, two of which will be in Southwest and one in Capitol Riverfront.

The intersection of Fourth and E streets, SW will receive a new station, benefiting not only the residents of Southwest but also the employees of the government buildings in the area.

An additional station will be added at Maryland and Independence avenues, SW. This station will be located across from the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

The Yards Park will also receive a new station, located at Tingey and Third streets, SE.

In addition to these new stations, the current bike docks at Fourth and M streets, SW, and Seventh and Water streets, SW, will see an

increase of bikes.

DDOT allowed for public feedback in Spring 2011 and also looked into high-activity centers around the city without stations, resulting in the decision to add these new docks. The stations run off solar power, so when selecting areas for new dock placement, direct solar access was also a factor.

DDOT said the installations will occur in Fall 2011.

Capital Bikeshare memberships vary, and once you are a member the first 30 minutes of each bike rental are free. If you use the bike for 31 to 60 minutes the cost is \$1.50. If you use the bike for 61 to 90 minutes the cost is \$3. Each 30 minutes after that is \$6.

Memberships include a 24-hour membership for \$5, a 5-day membership for \$15, a 30-day membership for \$25, and an annual membership for \$75.

## Postal Service considers closing Southwest post office

By Erin Fitzgerald

The U.S. Postal Service is examining the possibility of closing Southwest's Post Office at 45 L St., SW in an attempt to streamline retail operations nationwide.

In total, the Postal Service is considering closing 3,700 post offices, 19 of which are in the District. The Postal Service is likewise considering placing postal service in retailers like grocery stores.

This Southwest office is currently open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5

p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

There are other postal locations in the vicinity, but none as accessible as this main branch. According to the Postal Service's website there are additional offices located at Ft. McNair, L'Enfant Plaza, the Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Capitol's Rayburn office building. Access to some of these locations is limited to employees and the hours are shorter than those at the main Southwest branch.

The Postal Service did not announce a further closure plan.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial dedication marks anniversary of "I Have a Dream" speech

By Erin Fitzgerald

On the 48 anniversary of the March on Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial will be officially dedicated to the American public.

The dedication of the newly constructed Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, located between Independence Avenue and Ohio Drive, SW, will include a weekend full of events and activities for the public to enjoy.

A public exposition kicks off dedication events on Thurs. Aug. 25 at the Washington Convention Center. The Partners in the Dream expo will run through Sun., Aug. 28. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about the memorial and building process, as well see performances and a tribute to the legacy of Dr. King. Thursday's events will include The Message in the Music, a performance of music from the civil rights movement.

The expo will begin with a ribbon cutting on Thursday at 3 p.m. It will be open Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

On Sat., Aug. 27 an interfaith prayer service

will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Washington National Cathedral at 3101 Wisconsin Ave., NW. The National Cathedral was the last place Dr. King delivered a Sunday sermon. At the service, dignitaries will honor Dr. King by delivering his famous sermon from that day, "Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution."

A youth symposium will take place Saturday during the public expo from noon to 3 p.m. The Dream Keepers: Encouraging Future Leaders symposium will provide younger attendees a chance to learn from the stories and experiences of the civil right movement in hopes of inspiring them to spread Dr. King's messages.

On Sun., Aug. 28 a pre-dedication concert will be held at 10 a.m., followed at 11 a.m. by the dedication ceremony. The day will conclude with a post-dedication concert at 2 p.m.

The King Memorial was authorized by the U.S. Congress in 1996. Congress authorized Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., of which Dr. King was a member, to establish a memorial in Washington, D.C. honoring Dr. King. The ceremonial groundbreaking took place on Nov. 13, 2006 and construction began in December 2009.

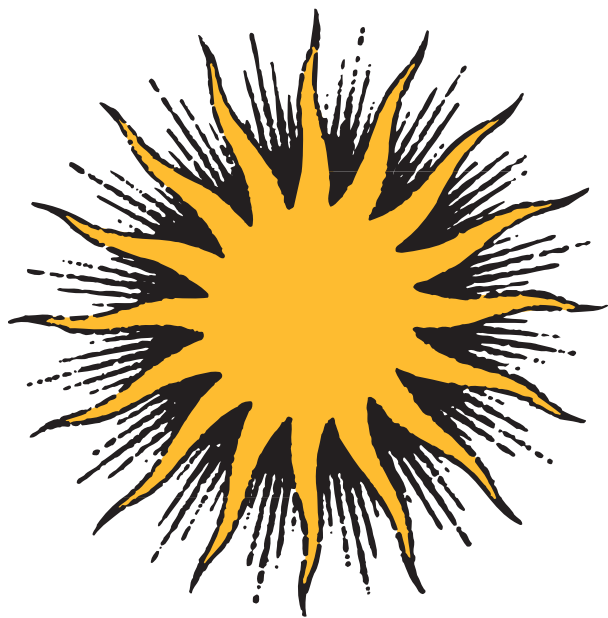


## Help us to Make it a Dream Come True!

The SW Dog Park group is joining forces with other community activities and local leaders to establish a safe, social, clean and fun place for our area dogs - and for their owners. Please write to us to find out more about the group and next steps to making this a reality by writing to [swdogpark@gmail.com](mailto:swdogpark@gmail.com).

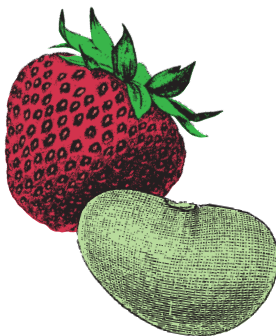


# ENJOY AUGUST ALONG THE WATERFRONT



**THURSDAYS:** Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues from 5-8pm

- August 4** Farmers Market  
Memphis Gold Blues Band
- August 11** Farmers Market  
Sharon Clark Quintet
- August 18** Farmers Market  
Danny Blew and the Blues Crew
- August 25** Farmers Market  
Allyn Johnson Quartet



Thursday evening activities at The Wharf also include Bean Baggo and Table Tennis. The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

**FRIDAYS:** Summer Rhythms and Food Truck Roundup from 6-8pm

- August 5** Patty Reese (Roots of Rock)  
Food Truck Roundup
- August 12** Ruthie & The Wranglers (Americana Country)  
Food Truck Roundup
- August 19** Nadine Rae (Soulful R&B)  
Food Truck Roundup
- August 26** David Bach (Contemporary Jazz)  
Food Truck Roundup

Friday evening activities at The Wharf also include King Ribs BAR-B-Q, Bean Baggo and Table Tennis. The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

**SATURDAYS:** Waterfront Workouts from 9-11am

- August 6** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)  
Flow Yoga with Istar Guven (10am)
- August 13** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)  
Flow Yoga with Istar Guven (10am)
- August 20** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)  
Flow Yoga with Istar Guven (10am)
- August 27** YaLa Dance with Laurent Amzallag (9am)  
Flow Yoga with Istar Guven (10am)



Saturday activities at The Wharf also include a Wake Up Grill by King Ribs, Bean Baggo and Table Tennis. The Wharf is also a FREE neighborhood WIFI hot spot.

All events are FREE and open to the public.

The Wharf Farmers Market is managed by a partnership of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group and Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture.

The Wharf Jazz and Blues is produced by Jazz Night in Southwest, a project of Southwest Renaissance at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

The Wharf Summer Rhythms are provided through the generosity of DC Harbor Cruises.

The Wharf Yoga classes are produced by Caitlin Uzzell of Flow Yoga Center. The Wharf YaLa Fitness classes are produced by Laurent Amzallag.

# CELEBRATE SUMMER AT THE WHARF

## Thursday Evenings in August

Festivities begin at 5pm and continue to 8pm  
700 Water Street SW at the 7th Street Landing

## Farmers Market with Jazz and Blues

The Farmers Market will include a green market of fruits and vegetables managed through a partnership of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group and Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture. The neighborhood farmers market will feature:

- Arcadia Market** (organic vegetables, fruits and greens)
- Red Apron Butcher & Larder** (hand cut and house cured meats)
- Frank** (handmade hot dogs from Red Apron)
- Buzz Bakery** (baked goods, desserts and beverages)
- Handcrafted Beers and Regional Wines** (from the purveyors of ChurchKey and Birch & Barley)
- People's Bao** (Asian steamed buns)
- King Ribs BAR-B-Q** (with Grillmaster Bufus)
- Jazz and Blues by Jazz Night in Southwest** (a project of Southwest Renaissance at Westminster Presbyterian Church)

**Special Evening Activities Include:**  
Bean Baggo, Table Tennis, Free WIFI

The Wharf is a \$2 billion, world-class, mixed-use waterfront development located on the historic Washington Channel in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood. The redevelopment area stretches across 27 acres of land and 24 acres of water from the Municipal Fish Market to Fort McNair. When complete, it will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, retail, office, hotel, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks.

The Wharf is a large-scale waterfront neighborhood developed by Hoffman-Madison Waterfront as part of the District of Columbia's Anacostia Waterfront Initiative. The Wharf development team is led by PN Hoffman and Madison Marquette and is comprised of ER Bacon Development, City Partners, Paramount Development, Struever Bros. Eccles & Rouse and Triden Development. Groundbreaking is scheduled for 2012 and the first phase of The Wharf is scheduled to open in 2015. More information is available at [www.wharfdc.com](http://www.wharfdc.com).



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## Education and Schools

# Computers-for-Kids program off to good start

By Thelma D. Jones

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) summer Computer-for-Kids Training Program is off to a good start with nine children, ages seven to nine, who are eager to learn computer skills and possibly enjoy a field trip or two. The eight-week Computer-for-Kids Training Program, held Mondays at 6:30 p.m., is taught by veteran computer instructor Gerald Brown along with new instructor and Southwest resident Frank Fu.

One of the primary learning objectives of this first-time age group is to ensure that children

not only have fun but also complete the class having mastered the parts of the computer and their functions while applying this knowledge throughout the training. A quick review of the computer parts at the third session revealed that the students were mastering this knowledge.

"The screen is where you see everything that you're doing," said one student in an enthusiastic voice. "The keyboard is where you type things," said another student with a smile.

"The microphone is what you talk through, and the voices can be heard through the speakers" said a student as if she were speaking into a microphone. "The mouse is the little thing that

you click; it's right there!"

A drill on all computer parts and their functions is held each session to reinforce children's understanding of the computer.

In addition to mastering the computer parts, the students participate in sessions on keyboarding, Internet searches and Microsoft Word, as well as more advanced programs such as Microsoft Excel and Microsoft PowerPoint as time permits. Each training session will also continue to cover teachable moments on topics such as respect for authority, discipline, eating nutritional meals and snacks and career interests.

Classes are held at Syphax Gardens Resident

Council Office's newly-open and expanded computer room at 1501 Half Street, SW. A special thanks is extended to Commissioner Rhonda Hamilton, SMD6D-06 and Perry Klein, SWNA Technology Task Force Chairperson, Washington Cable for their leadership efforts in helping to set up the computer room and King-Greenleaf Recreation Center, the primary site for the computer classes since the program's inception in October 2007. More than 50 students have graduated from the program.

*Thelma D. Jones is YATF's Vice Chairperson and program coordinator.*

## Planning for April 2012 Math Fair begins

By Thelma D. Jones

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) began planning for the 2012 Math Fair scheduled to be held in April. At last year's first-time Math Fair, sponsored by the State Department Federal Credit Union, approximately 50 children, parents and volunteers spent a day at King Greenleaf Recreation Center being challenged by a variety of interactive math games and activities that encouraged manual dexterity, analytical thinking, competition and lots of fun and laughter.

The Math Fair was designed to develop students' interest in math while demonstrating creative and fun ways to learn the subject at an early age. With participants ranging in ages from seven to 13, YATF noticed that some students and adults were so engaged in math activities that they barely stopped for lunch or wanted to leave at the end of the Fair. Prizes were given to winning students as incentives for their attendance and

efforts.

The highlight of the Math Fair was speaker Kia J. Harper, Dean of Students at ConneXions Leadership Academy in Baltimore and former University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Meyerhoff Scholar. Harper, the daughter of Arena Stage's Desiree Urquhart, captivated the students with her commanding and engaging style, expressive body language and humor. Harper committed to return as a guest speaker at YATF's 2012 Math Fair.

Inspired by a Math Fair organized last October by Southwest resident Kirstin L. Jones for her Girls Scout Community Service Project, the event has become a model for next year's fair. Jones emceed the fair, and other speakers included Marcellus Pickett and Terry Lockett of the State Department Federal Credit Union who were also welcomed as role models for the youth.

*Thelma D. Jones is YATF's Vice Chairperson and program coordinator.*



*The Southwest Playground Project is raising money and awareness in the attempt to build a playground at the above park, located adjacent to the library on the corner of Third and I streets, SW. Photo by Erin Fitzgerald.*

## Southwest playground project receives support

Donations and support for the Southwest Playground Project were received at the opening night of Station 4 restaurant and the Ward 6 Family Day at Yards Park.

"Thanks to a crowded opening night at Station 4, the owners were able to donate \$1,200 to the Southwest Playground Project," reports Felicia Coutts, Playground Project Manager. The project also received a \$5,000 grant from Safeway.

More than 300 signatures of support were also collected at an information table in front of Safeway and during the Ward 6 Family Day at the Yards Park in June.

The employees of the Mandarin Oriental

Hotel will donate all of the funds, plus a corporate match, from their Sept. 18 10K walk/run ending at Haines Point. This gives the Mandarin Oriental the opportunity to not only build community among their employees, but also reach out into their own SW neighborhood. Information about how to register for the 10K will be available soon.

The SW Playground, planned for the Department of Parks and Recreation land adjacent to the SW Library, will bring together diverse toddlers, children and parents of SW at a crossroads in the community.

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## Education and Schools

# Izabela Miller to lead Amidon-Bowen Elementary School

By Meg Brinckman

Izabela Miller has accepted the offer to lead Amidon-Bowen Elementary School as its principal. She has held a variety of teaching and coaching positions in Poland, her home country, and in D.C. Her last assignment was at Powell Elementary School in NW, where she served as an instructional coach and oversaw a professional-development program targeted to helping teachers meet the needs of student based on their achievement testing data.

Miller was a reading specialist and literacy coach at Maya Angelou Public Charter High School and has coordinated the *Everybody Wins!* Program, which has been an integral part of Amidon-Bowen for many years. She looks forward to planning events with the community and making Amidon-Bowen a community-centered school.

There are approximately 13 teaching positions at Amidon-Bowen to be filled this year. Miller has been interviewing prospective teaching and support-staff candidates since she reported for duty on July 5. One fourth of those filling the new positions will be new to the D.C. Public Schools (DCPS), but not necessarily to teaching. New teachers will attend a "New Teacher Orientation" from Aug. 10 through 12. Teachers from within the system will report with all the staff on Aug. 15.

There will be two instructional coach positions, one for Grades 1 through 5, and one for the early-childhood classes. It is likely the early-childhood position will be shared with other schools. An assistant principal has already been hired and will report to work in July.

There will be a reduction in the Support Positions allotted to Amidon-Bowen. There will be a school nurse on board as required by law in schools with early-childhood programs. D.C. Start will again be providing service to the community along with a full-time social worker. The full-time psychologist position has been eliminated. Teaching aid positions for the early-childhood classes and special education will be assigned, although at this time, any additional positions have not been determined.

While there is no extra funding for professional development tied to restructuring status, the professional-development office will be providing professional training to implement the citywide adoption of "Common Core State Standards." Common Core is a new set of standards that support the curriculum and will have a major impact on providing quality education for all DCPS



Izabela Miller, above, reported as new principal at Amidon-Bowen on July 5. Photo by Meg Brinckman.

students. Amidon-Bowen will be participating in this program. Information about these standards is available on the DCPS website. Miller is expecting very strong support from the Office of Professional Development for Amidon-Bowen. As required by the Teachers Union Contract, 30 minutes every morning before

school is devoted to structured professional development and curriculum coordination.

There is no information at this time about the possibility of a Saturday scholars program but there will be an after-school program. Miller hopes for support from the community as volunteers in the before and after school programs and to support the newly renovated library. She prefers that volunteers, who must undergo the background check and fingerprint requirements of DCPS, contact her directly and soon. Amidon-Bowen needs to have met these requirements and they must be in place when school starts to make a smooth transition into the school year.

Miller is very interested in continuing the community partnerships that have been in place. *Everybody Wins!* is expected to be in the building. The Washington Waterfront Association and Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, which includes Ft. McNair, have been community partners with Amidon-Bowen. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Washington Nationals, Councilman Tommy Wells Office, Potbelly Sandwiches and Safeway have all made contributions to the school in various ways and are expected to provide the now traditional "Welcome" to students and parents on the first day of school, Aug. 22.

Work is underway on the conversion of the second floor Learning Center. The library will be moved to this space and it will be equipped for a variety of learning situations. The old library space is being considered as an area for professional-development activities.

Miller is very enthusiastic about the "Tools of the Mind" program that will be used in the early-childhood classes this fall. She has coached this program in the past and enthusiastically supports its goals to lead young children to be self-regulated through a progression of teacher-regulated, peer regulated and ultimately, self regulated activities. Research shows that self-regulation learned in early childhood correlates with later success in school.

Miller's message for the community is simply that Amidon-Bowen is moving forward to implement changes to benefit students and all stake holders in Southwest. The implementation of "Tools of the Mind" strategies for the early-childhood program, the continuation of "Foundations" and "Just Words" which have been part of the program for Grades 1 through 5 and the active participation by Amidon-Bowen in the citywide "Common Core Standards" is the recipe.

## Schools prepare for Aug. 22 opening day

By Erin Fitzgerald

Students in the DC Public School System are set to return to the classroom Monday, Aug. 22.

DCPS has provided, via their website, some reminders and guidelines for parents and students preparing for the next scholastic year.

For parents looking to enroll the children in Afterschool programming, visit your child's school between Aug. 15 and 19. To find out what programming your child's school offers call. In the 2011-2012, all DCPS afterschool programs will also supply supper to students at no cost.

For parents of preschool and pre-K children, remember the first week of school is Early Childhood Transition Week. Home visits or parent conferences will be held Aug. 22 to 24 and thus children will not come to school these days. On Aug. 25 preschool and pre-K children with last names beginning with A through K will attend classes. On Aug. 26 preschool and pre-K

children with last names beginning with L through Z will attend classes. All preschool and pre-K students will begin a regular attendance schedule on Aug. 29.

Prior to the Aug. 22 start date make sure you have completed a Universal Health Certificate and your child has all immunizations necessary for his or her age. A reminder of immunizations necessary can be found in the enrollment packet or by visiting [www.dcps.dc.gov](http://www.dcps.dc.gov).

If parents in Southwest and Near Southeast are seeking more information about their child's residency-based assigned school they can contact them at

Amidon Bowen Elementary School - 202-724-4867

Jefferson Middle School - 202-729-3270

Woodrow Wilson High School - 202-282-0120

Contact information for other DCPS and Public Charter schools can be found at [www.dcps.dc.gov](http://www.dcps.dc.gov).

## Volunteers needed to sign up for 2011 D.C. Public Schools Beautification Day

By Erin Fitzgerald

On Sat., Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. volunteers are needed to participate in the D.C. Public Schools annual Beautification Day. Two of the schools in need of some work are Southwest's own Amidon-Bowen Elementary School and Jefferson Middle School. Volunteers can sign up as an individual or with a group at [www.dcps.dc.gov](http://www.dcps.dc.gov). Volunteers have the opportunity to choose which school they would prefer to work at, and DCPS will make every effort to accommodate those selections but cannot guarantee placement. The last day to sign up is Aug. 15.

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# SW ArtsFest readies for September event

This fall from Sept. 23 to 25, Southwest will hold its first SW ArtsFest. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly devoted its July 25 town meeting to this event.

SW ArtsFest derives from a proposal to redevelop the Randall Junior High School, on I Street SW. Telesis Corporation — a mixed-use, affordable-housing developer — has joined with the Rubell family, owners of I Street's Capitol Skyline Hotel and a large collection of contemporary art, in the development of the Randall Project. They call their partnership TR SW LLC. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D had original concerns but has promised to support TR SW's project in exchange for numerous community benefits, including a free, annual neighborhood arts festival.

The first annual arts festival will take place this September. Its theme is "Discover Southwest." At SWNA's July meeting, SW ArtsFest

2011's producers previewed their offerings.

TR SW's John Viglianti described the (e)merge art fair. In the Capitol Skyline, from noon on Sept. 23 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 25, (e)merge will showcase art from regional and international emerging artists and galleries, and include panel discussions with artists, collectors and curators. Among SW ArtsFest events only (e)merge will charge admission (\$15/\$10 for students and seniors). The Washington City Paper recently named hotelier Mera Rubell DC's "Art Messiah," partly for Skyline's hosting of (e)merge.

At the other end of Southwest from the Skyline, redevelopment promises a wonderful new waterfront. As Bob Rubenkonig reported, from 6 p.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Sunday, PN Hoffman/Madison Waterfront will provide music, food, and a sock-monkey art studio at Water and Seventh streets as part of SW ArtsFest 2011. The music and art are free, but you must provide your own socks.

2011 marks the 50 anniversary of Arena Stage's move to its current home, across Maine Avenue from the waterfront. Desirée Urquhart, Arena's Director of Government and Community Relations, described Arena's plans for hand-dance performances, tours of its new facilities, and family-oriented theater activities, all from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

ArtsFest 2011 also brings together events Southwest has hosted before. Across M Street

from Arena Stage, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church holds an annual End-of-Summer fair. As Virginia Mathis described, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, this year's End-of-Summer fair will feature face painting, raffles, jewelry, St. A's famous fried-fish sandwiches, home-baked desserts, music and more.

That same day, from noon to 8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian Church at Fourth and I streets, will hold its tenth annual D.C. Jazz Preservation Festival. Reverend Ruth Hamilton described Westminster's offerings of paintings, crafts, clothing, and food.

Westminster shares the Fourth and I intersection with Christ United Methodist Church (UMC). Michael Mack described Christ UMC's Saturday plans to present a concert by folk-music legend Donal Leace; art from Art Enables, a gallery for artists with mental or developmental disabilities; and, at the Southwest Library, dramatic readings highlighting Southwest history. From 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, at Westminster Church, Christ UMC will co-sponsor a documentary festival which will include films about Martin Luther King, Jr., the Palestinians, the death penalty and a real-life African prince sold into slavery in the antebellum South.

Adding to ArtsFest's musical offerings, Carrie Dorsey described the Second Baptist Church Southwest's plans for Saturday performances on Canal Street by choirs, dancers and bands from

## SW ArtsFest in need of volunteers

SW ArtsFest 2011, to be held Sept. 23 through 25, is in need of volunteers. Volunteers can fill a variety of needs, from public relations to litter patrol. For more information about how you can help, contact Carolyn Mitchell by email [volunteerswartsfest@yahoo.com](mailto:volunteerswartsfest@yahoo.com) or call 202-320-3123.

neighborhood churches.

Finally, for the past decade Southwest residents have enjoyed Cultural Tourism DC's neighborhood walking tours. At July's SWNA meeting, Washington Walks founder Carolyn Crouch described the four free, 90-minute walking tours she'll lead around Southwest Sept. 24 and 25.

SW ArtsFest 2011 also hopes to include the Marctus Creative Art Market, with arts, crafts, and food; and a Second Union Baptist Church flea market.



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## In spirit of *Oklahoma* farm animals greet Arena Stage patrons



Arena Stage Artistic Director Molly Smith, above, becomes friendly with a sheep before a matinee of *Oklahoma*. Photo by Perry Klein.



To coincide with the Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater's production of *Oklahoma*, "Pony to Go" provided a petting zoo before a recent Saturday matinee performance. Photo by Perry Klein.

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# Special events coincide with remaining Oklahoma performances at Arena Stage

By Sheila Wickouski

Fireworks for the Fourth of July and the Smithsonian Festival on the Mall are not the only summer celebrations in Southwest. Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater's award winning production of *Oklahoma!* has returned to Southwest and with it comes an assortment of special events.

For the summer run, Arena has scheduled additional free family activities every Saturday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted, prior to the 2 p.m. matinee.

On Aug. 6, Aug. 20, Sept. 3, Sept. 27 and Oct. 1 the Arena Stage will host a Petting Zoo at the Sixth Street sidewalk. On Aug. 13 theater attendees will have a chance to learn some roping skills, like those used in the show from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. On Aug. 27 the Sixth Street sidewalk will play host to Cowboy/Cowgirl Olympics. And on Sept. 10 there will be a "Good Ol' Country Social."

In addition, the Sept. 24 SW ArtsFest will be held at various locations across the neighbor-

hood and theater attendees will have the opportunity to participate in those activities prior to the matinee.

For those looking for a special evening of theater, on Aug. 25 and Sept. 29 Arena Stage will offer a combined package of an Odyssey dinner cruise including entertainment and dancing followed by an evening performance of *Oklahoma!*

The Odyssey cruise begins boarding at 5 p.m. and sails from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. *Oklahoma!* begins at 8 p.m. Tickets for the combined Odyssey dinner cruise and *Oklahoma!* are priced at \$139.67 per person and must be booked through Arena Stage.

Romance, high spirits, and memorable tunes — *Oklahoma!* is not only a great summer show but as patriotic as any parade. The story of sturdy farmers and hearty cowboys in Claremore, Oklahoma, in 1906 — of their hardships as settlers and their hopes for statehood — is as inspiring as it is entertaining. Much acclaimed by critics in its previous run, it perhaps goes without saying that this is one show no one ought to miss.

## WANT TO GO?

**WHAT:** Rodgers & Hammerstein's "*Oklahoma!*" until Oct. 2, 2011

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Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

Open-captioned performance Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

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**COST:** Tickets are between \$61 and \$106 plus applicable fees, subject to change and based on availability. Discount tickets are available for patrons purchasing tickets for multiple shows, students and groups.

**INFORMATION:** To purchase tickets or for more info on discounts, check online at [www.arenastage.org](http://www.arenastage.org), by phone at 202-488-3300 or at the Sales Office at 1101 Sixth St., SW, D.C.

## Southwest resident provides service to Nationals fans and community

By Atu Osei-Chambers

Since Nationals Park opened on Mar. 30, 2008, Jacqueline Alston has been a dedicated member of the Washington Nationals game day staff, serving as an usher in Center Field Plaza. According to Alston, the best part of her job is interacting with the fans.

"This is where I get my joy," Alston said. "Coming to Nationals Park and serving the public is something I really enjoy and love to do."

In fact, it was that same love for people, along with her charismatic personality, that landed her a position with the Nationals.

"I do a lot of volunteer work," Alston said. "I was handing out flyers and applications to people in my neighborhood back when the team was looking to hire staff. I decided to fill out an application for myself, and took it to the King Greenleaf Recreation Center. Two weeks later, I had an interview and started training."

A resident of Southwest D.C. for more than 22 years, the 61-year-old Alston, affectionately known as "Grandma Jackie" among the children in her neighborhood, thinks the return of baseball to Washington was significant for the kids in her community.

"Our young people didn't have anything," she recalls. "Now we have a baseball team. The Nationals give out tickets, and now the children and their families have an opportu-



Southwester Jacqueline Alston has worked at National Park since its move to the neighborhood in 2008. Photo Courtesy of the Washington Nationals.

nity to come to a game. It's made a great difference because the kids want to attend games all the time."

Alston has also noticed a positive change in a number of her neighbors, who, like herself, work at Nationals Park. "There seems to be a sense of community pride amongst the neighbors," she said. "We're proud to be employed. It's like a family. I think as a whole we're proud to work for the Washington Nationals."

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# Westminster’s “Thinking About Jazz” program honors John Coltrane

By Wilma Goldstein

On Saturday, June 25 Westminster Presbyterian Church in Southwest D.C. hosted a free program on John Coltrane as part of its ongoing bi-monthly series “Thinking About Jazz.”

So great is Coltrane’s influence that any discussion about jazz will mention him shortly after it begins. This program not only explored Coltrane’s music, it will also look at the many influences on Coltrane and the long lasting effect his music has on so many aspects of American culture. The discussion was led by jazz aficionados Paul Carr and Fred Joiner, and was followed by questions from the audience.

Carr, a well-known and honored jazz musician who plays tenor sax worldwide, claims Coltrane as one of his major influences. As part of his dedication to the preservation of jazz, Carr taught in the Montgomery County school system for 16 years and now directs the Arts in Education Jazz Orchestra made up of young Virginia students. In the past two years, Carr and his wife, Karmen, took the reins of the Mid-Atlantic Jazz Festival held each winter in Gaithersburg, MD. Fred Joiner, another great fan of John Coltrane, is a published poet, artist,



photographer and student of the culture and history of the Black Diaspora. Joiner, whose father was a jazz musician, has his own musical interests including jazz, soul and hip-hop.

The afternoon included a lively discussion about Coltrane’s life story, the influences of other great musicians like Miles Davis and the spiritualism in Coltrane’s music. His music continues to be played live, on the radio and on television more than 40 years later. His music continues to win awards and is featured in contemporary movies and documentaries.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, located at 400 I St., SW, has been the home of weekly straight-ahead live jazz every Friday night for the past 12 years. Each week, a different group of musicians performs from 6 to 9 p.m. and a dinner of freshly cooked food can be purchased. “Thinking About Jazz” evolved from discussions and questions that came from the audiences who listen to jazz at Westminster on Friday nights and is and run six times each year, most often on the last Saturday of every other month.

“Thinking About Jazz” is a great introduction for people who want to learn about jazz and for those fans who want to know more. The breadth of Coltrane’s music is an especially good way to introduce young people to this art form.

## SW Forum on History of Women in Jazz

On Aug. 27 Westminster Presbyterian Church will discuss the history of women in jazz at their “Thinking About Jazz” program.

The program will cover some of the best known female jazz vocalists and musicians as well as some less famous, but just as talented musicians. For example, most jazz lovers probably have heard of pianists Mary Lou Williams, Marian McPartland and Alice Coltrane, but how many know about Hazel Scott, Barbara Carrol or Lil Hardin? Most have heard of vocalists Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Nina Simone and Dinah Washington, but are they familiar with Ernestine Anderson, Helen Humes, Julie London, Betty Roche or even Ivie Anderson? Would Shirley Scott, Emily Remler, Pamela Williams or Terri Lynne Carrington be familiar names to Friday Night Jazz attendees?

In 2007, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts honored those who had been named living jazz legends including four women, vocalists Nancy Wilson and Cleo Lane, and pianists McPartland and Tishoi Myshoyuki. These honors bring up a rather interesting sociological and cultural question: why have so many women in jazz been either pianists or vocalists? And why is it that living jazz legends Wilson, Gloria Lynn and others get so little respect in the jazz community? Is it sexism, racism or something else?

The program on Sat., Aug. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Westminster will address these issues and more. The multi-media program will include live performance, film clips and recordings as well as Q&A. There is no charge for this bi-monthly program and refreshments will be served. Westminster Church is located at 400 I St., SW.

## Religious Calendar

### Galilee A.M.E. Church

Worshipping at St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 600 M St. SW  
202-258-6812  
Rev. S. Isaiah Harvin  
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Wednesday: Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

### Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle of the Assemblies of God

60 I St. SW  
202-251-5137  
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### Carron Baptist Church

1354 First St., SW  
202-484-3172  
Pastor Lester W. Allen  
Sunday: 11 a.m.  
Tuesday: Noon Day Prayer, 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

### Friendship Baptist Church

900 Delaware Ave. SW  
202-488-7417  
Rev. Dr. J. Michael Little, Pastor  
Sunday: 9:30 A.M, Sunday School; 11 a.m. Morning Worship  
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Service and Bible Study

### Riverside Baptist Church

Seventh St. and Maine Avenue SW  
202-554-4330  
Pastor Michael Bledsoe, Ph.D.  
Sunday: 10 a.m. with Bible Study at 9 a.m.

### St. Matthew’s Baptist Church

1105 New Jersey Ave. SE  
202-488-7298  
Rev. Dr. Maxwell M. Washington, Pastor  
Sunday: 8 a.m. Sunday School; 9:05 a.m. Worship Service  
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

### Second Baptist Church Southwest

First & M streets, SW  
202-484-3112  
Pastor C.L. Brown  
Sunday: Church School 8:30 a.m.; Morning Worship: 9:45 a.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study noon and 7 p.m.

### Second Union Baptist Church

1107 Delaware Ave. SW  
202-484-7012  
Rev. William Harrison, Pastor  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School, 10:15 a.m. Worship

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Fr. Richard Gancayco  
Sunday: 8 a.m.  
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### St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church

600 M St. SW  
202-554-3222  
Rev. Martha Clark  
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Sunday: 9:30 a.m.  
Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church

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410-375-5053 (cell)  
Pastor Phillip Huber  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday: 6 p.m.: Bread and Soup, 6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Christ United Methodist Church

900 Fourth St. SW  
202-554-9117  
Rev. Adrienne Terry  
Sunday: 10 a.m.  
Thursday: 12 noon & 6:30 p.m., Bible Study

### St. Paul African Union Methodist Protestant Church

401 I St., SE  
202-997-3049  
Rev. Karen Mills  
Sunday: 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Westminster Presbyterian Church

400 I St. SW  
202-484-7700  
Co-Pastors: Rev. Ruth Hamilton and Rev. Brian Hamilton  
Sunday: Worship 11 a.m.  
Blue Monday Blues: 6 - 9 p.m.  
Wellness Wednesday Yoga: 4 - 8 p.m.  
Friday Jazz Nights: 6 - 9 p.m.



# DC Sail continues activities with program for kids

By Nancy Simonson

DC Sail, the District's only community sailing program, is in full swing with summer programming. "Kids Set Sail" summer camp recently launched with great excitement and a visit from the US Sailing road show.

Sailors enjoyed a picture perfect DC day on the water and navigated their boats in tight circles around their marks. After just a week, US Sailing coaches remarked on the high skill level and accomplishment of the participants in "Kids Set Sail." The members of DC Sail impressed US Sailing coaches with enthusiastic knowledge of tacking, jibing and points of sail.

US Sailing, founded in 1897, is the national governing body for the sport of sailing and sets national standards for sailing curricula. US Sailing coaches visit community sailing organizations from Maine to Virginia and spent a day with the "Kids Set Sail" program and evening with the adult community sailing racers. US Sailing provided guidance and hands-on sessions fostering safety and sailing skills while having fun on the water.

This year, "Kids Set Sail" incorporated more Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) lessons into its curriculum. Alongside the fundamentals of sailing, "Kids Set Sail" students learn about weather systems, the water cycle,



Participant of DC Sail's "Kids Set Sail" set out from the waterfront for a day of learning. Photo courtesy of DC Sail.

tides and currents, and how to take daily measurements of air and water temperature, barometric pressure, wind speed and wind direction.

Schooner Camp launched July 11 and is DC Sail's newest opportunity for community teenagers. The 5-day sailing and marine studies camp takes place on the *American Spirit* and is available to children ages 12 to 18. Education centers around sailing on a schooner, seamanship, local history and marine science with a focus on local flora and fauna. Students come aboard DC's only schooner and take over all responsibility for piloting, navigating, crew coordination and more. By the end of the week, students have experiences and skills to crew aboard the sixty-five foot *American Spirit*.

DC Sail also works with community adults and has provided more access than ever to the Waterfront this season. Wednesday night social sails have been filled to capacity. DC Sail offers adults a chance for new and experienced sailors to mingle and provides a fun environment to dust off old skills, polish new ones, meet neighbors and enjoy community and fun aboard the Flying Scot and Flying Junior fleet.

DC Sail is located at Gangplank Marina at the Southwest Waterfront.

For more information about DC Sail visit [www.dcsail.org](http://www.dcsail.org).

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The 12 and under team won the Cal Ripken and Recreation Leagues. Top row: Coach Jerry May and Coach Torray Toney. Second row: Quavadius Holmes, Michael Wise, Bryant Higgenbotham, DeShawn Watkins, Justin McFadden, Michael Briscoe and Coach Ronald Hines. Bottom row: Xavier Sumpter, Charles Dunham Jr., Jimmy May Jr., Diamonte Gordon and Antonne Harmon. Photo courtesy of Coach Dino Hines.



The Jefferson Middle School team played a close game in their quest for the City Champions but lost 7 to 6. Top row: Coach Torray Toney, Marc Gaskins, Keith Jones, Coach Ronald Hines, Nicholas Hinton, Amedeo Hines, Michael Briscoe and Travon Simmons. Bottom row: Dwayne Hill, Kenneth Robertson, Charles Dunham, Xavier Sumpter, Kyle Foster and Bryant Higgenbotham. Photo courtesy of Coach Dino Hines.



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